



Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz July 21, 2014

This week the DOE Dialogue is full of information that you will want to make sure to share with all of your educators and stakeholder groups. The Indiana Department of Education staff knows how very important it is for you and your communities to head into the 2014-2015 school year feeling confident and prepared. With the number of changes that took place in the spring with standards and over the summer with assessments, we have been exceptionally diligent in making certain the tools you need are ready. Therefore, in this Dialogue you will find a quick reference guide to all standards resources and several memos associated with assessment.

The Indiana Department of Education is currently finalizing data from the Spring 2014 ISTEP+ administration. These data are being compiled at the state, corporation, and school levels for all public, charter, nonpublic, and Choice schools. The information below details the upcoming final embargoed data release dates (in red). The data will be released to the public on August 1st, 2014.

July 28, 2014

ISTEP + rescore data in INORS

July 31, 2014

ISTEP+ data spreadsheets for corporations and schools

- Corporation results by grade
- Public school results by grade
- Non-public school results by grade
- Statewide Results by grade
- Science and Social Studies results by grade

July 31, 2014

ISTEP+ data in COMPASS and the Learning Connection

As always, please reach out to the Indiana Department of Education staff with any questions you may have, as we want to make certain the school year begins with full support for you and your students.

Feel free to leave comments at doecomm@doe.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Public Instruction



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ESEA Flexibility Waiver

ESEA Flexibility Waiver: The Indiana Department of Education submitted its application for a waiver from aspects of No Child Left Behind. The application was submitted to the United States Department of Education. A copy of the waiver application can be found here <http://www.doe.in.gov/esea>. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Coyne at jcoyne@doe.in.gov.

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IDOE Memoranda

MEMORANDUM : ConnectED is AT&T's \$100 million effort to provide 50,000 middle and high school students in Title I schools with free Internet connectivity. The deadline for schools to apply is July 25. This is the website with general information about the initiative: <http://about.att.com/csr/aspire/connected>. And this is the link to the application: <http://www.connectednation.org/attaspire>.

MEMORANDUM: School Performance Awards, Pursuant to P.L. 205-2013 SEC. 300, IC 20-43-10-3, no later than December 5, 2014 the IDOE will make available cash awards totally not more than \$30 million to be paid to effective and highly effective teachers in eligible public and charter schools. The award, referred to as the school performance award, is paid to teachers through a formula described in the statute that uses building and corporation level data. The eligibility of a school building, the total award amount, and the actual cash award to qualified teachers, is determined by a performance-based formula which utilizes a school's 2014 ISTEP and ECA passage rates and 2014 non-waiver graduation rate. For more information, please see the [attached Memo](#), [FAQs](#) and [Formula Overview](#).

MEMORANDUM: Indiana Academic Standards for Heritage Language Learners are now posted for public review. ([see standards](#)) Over the last several months, a group of current teachers, postsecondary faculty, and academic organizations have reviewed and revised the Indiana Academic Standards for Heritage Language Learners. A public review of the revised standards is an important next step in the standards review process, and we look forward to your participation. Please post your comments no later than **Monday , August 11, 2014**. ([public comment](#)) The public review survey may be accessed at the following link: <http://www.doe.in.gov/standardsevaluation> Contact Caterina Blitzer, Global Learning and World Languages Specialist cblitzer@doe.in.gov (317) 232-9175

MEMORANDUM: Assessment Support for Educators With new assessments on the horizon, staff members at the Indiana Department of Education have been busy designing and creating supports for educators to use in 2014-15. The attached [memo](#) and chart provides an overview of these supports. (see [memorandum](#))

MEMORANDUM: The Indiana Department of Education is currently finalizing data from the Spring 2014 ISTEP+ administration. The chart below displays the upcoming final embargoed data release dates. The data will be released to the public on August 1st, 2014. ([see chart](#))

MEMORANDUM: Updates on Indiana Academic Standards for E/LA and Mathematics (2014) The Indiana Department of Education is working to ensure you have the resources and support you need in teaching the new standards to students throughout the 2014-2015 school year. As such, we have created a chart with all the most useful links to resources, as well as updates on coming resources. Please read this detailed [memo](#) and share with all educators. For more information email to standards_support@doe.in.gov or 317-234-5603. ([see memorandum](#))

MEMORANDUM: The Department of Education champions international partnerships and world language learning because all our students and teachers benefit from the global perspectives that result from exchanges of students, teachers and administrators and introduction to world languages. The Department is requesting that you participate in a [quick survey](#) to help us understand the state of global learning in Indiana schools today and get involved with our Advancing Global Programs Team that will bring curricular resources, model programs and professional development opportunities to your region.

<http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/ccr/2014-survey-global-learning-indiana-schools>

MEMORANDUM: Assessment Survey for District and Building Level Administrators and Teachers: As the Indiana Department of Education seeks to redesign the formative and summative assessment program we would like field input. Please [click here](#) to answer a quick 9 question survey. The survey will remain open until July 25th. Please spread the word about this opportunity to your teaching staff, as we certainly want as much input as possible. <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/k-12-school-assessments-indiana>

MEMORANDUM: Global Indiana Wave I to Spain October 11 - 21, 2014 Global Indiana is honored to partner with La Universidad de Sevilla to announce a trip for educators to Seville, Spain, Saturday, October 11 to Tuesday, October 21, 2014.. Global Indiana has been approved to offer 45 professional growth experience points for Wave I to Spain. Information is at <http://www.globalindianainc.org/spain-2014.html>. ([see attached memo](#))

MEMORANDUM: Backpack Attack, The Indiana Department of Education is excited to be joining 160 other agencies and companies to collect school supplies for the nearly 33,000 Marion County students needing help with back to school supplies. After the supplies have been collected and sorted, students and families needing help with back to school supplies will be invited to a "Distribution Day" at Tech High School.

Collection bins are located on the 5th floor of the PNC Building by the elevators, the 6th floor of the PNC Building in the lobby, and at the Statehouse outside of Room 227. If you have questions regarding the Back-to-School Supply Drive or bin placement, contact DeVonne Richburg at drichburg@doe.in.gov. Drive Dates: June 24-July 22

MEMORANDUM: Test blueprints for the Spring 2015 ISTEP+ English/Language Arts and Mathematics assessments for grades 3-8, based on the college- and career-ready 2014 Indiana Academic Standards, are now posted on the following IDOE Web page: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/istep-grades-3-8>. Please see the [attached memorandum](#) for details.

MEMORANDUM: The Assessment Office in conjunction with the Data Collection and Reporting Team and Accountability have reached out to Corporation Test Coordinators and Data Reporting Personnel for assistance with resolving test scores that have been returned to IDOE as unmatched. ([see memorandum](#))

The window for resolving all unknown test records **opened Friday July 11th, 2014 and will close after ISTEP+ 2014 unknown test records are verified**. The target close date for Unknown Test Records is August 1st., although an announcement with the exact close date will be forthcoming (once 2014 ISTEP+/IMAST rescores are received). The [entire memo sent to Corporation Test Coordinators and Data Managers can be found here](#)

MEMORANDUM: Unused Instructional Facilities, IC 20-26-7-1 requires that not later than August 1 each calendar year, each governing body shall inform the department if a school building that was previously used for classroom instruction is closed, unused, or unoccupied. All public school corporations must report unused instructional facilities as part of its DOE Master File between July 14, 2014 through August 1, 2014. The Master File can be found at the following link: <https://dc.doe.state.in.us/DOEOnline/Login.aspx>. Questions may be sent to Jeff Barber by email at jbarber@doe.in.gov or by telephone at (317) 232-9143. Questions regarding the Master File/School Directory (DOE-MF) should be directed to Amy Hart by email at sday@doe.in.gov or by telephone at (317) 234-0867. ([see memorandum](#))

MEMORANDUM: At the July 9 meeting, the State Board of Education approved the *Resolution to [Adopt K-12 Assessments](#)*. The contents of this Resolution guide the development of a Request For Proposals (RFP). The RFP process enables the IDOE to contract with one or more test vendors for assessments in 2015-16 and beyond. Any changes to the assessment program in Indiana as a result of this process would not take effect until 2015-16. Please also see attached for the final [memorandum](#) and resolution. ([see assessment memorandum](#))

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Education Service Centers will be offering RISE Teacher Evaluation Training between June 2014 and September 2014. Below are the scheduled dates and their registration sites:

- Region 8 ESC: July 23-24, 2014 (<http://www.r8esc.k12.in.us>)
- Northern Indiana ESC: July 29-31, 2014 (<http://www.niesc.k12.in.us>)
- Wabash Valley ESC: July 29-30, 2014 (<http://www.esc5.k12.in.us>)
- East Central ESC RISE August 21 and September 10th (www.ecesc.k12.in.us)
- Southern Indiana ESC: August 27-28, 2014 (<http://www.siec.k12.in.us>)
- Northwest Indiana ESC: September 4-5, 2014 (<http://www.nwiesc.k12.in.us>)
- Central Indiana ESC: September 18-19, 2014 (<http://www.ciesc.k12.in.us>)

Central Indiana Educational Services, (CIESC) offers a variety of professional learning workshops, to view these events visit www.ciesc.k12.in.us, view events calendar on right side bar or click on Services, then Professional Learning.

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Legislative & Policy Updates

Lafayette School Corp. board members unanimously voted to accept a proposal that would ban firearms from their schools. The policy prohibits all but police officers, school resource officers and security officers from possessing firearms on school property, Superintendent Les Huddle stated that In addition, no one - including school board members - may intentionally or openly display a firearm at any public meeting of the board unless he is a member of law enforcement, the military or a guest "specifically invited to the meeting for the purpose requiring the display of a firearm." [LSC board accepts firearms proposal](#)

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Information from Other Agencies

Teachers of Spanish for 2014 - 2015 School Year! The Visiting Teachers from Spain Program provides Indiana school districts an opportunity to hire a highly qualified native Spanish speaker to teach Spanish at both elementary and secondary levels, some candidates are also licensed to teach French, German, ESL, Special Education and other subjects. The teachers can teach in Indiana schools for one to three years through the J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa Program sponsored by the Central Indiana Educational Service Center (CIESC). ([see attached memo](#)) Contact Manuel Collazo at manuel.collazo@educacion.es (317-278-1210), Education Advisor for the Spanish Consulate, with a brief description of the position to be filled and profile of desired candidate.

Georgia O'Keeffe, The Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) invites preschool through 12th grade teachers to share their students' responses to the work of Georgia O'Keeffe, which will be featured at the IMA in the upcoming exhibition [Georgia O'Keeffe and the Southwestern Still Life](#). The featured exhibition will be at the IMA from November 2, 2014, through February 15, 2015, and will include still life compositions created by O'Keeffe and her contemporaries from the early 20th century through the 1950s. Due Date, Friday, October 3, 2014, 5 pm Open to all students in Indiana, preschool-12th grade. For complete guidelines and submission information, [please download this PDF](#). Download the Submission Template in PowerPoint.

Questions? Contact Heidi Davis-Soylu at hdavis-soylu@imamuseum.org.

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